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Please forgive the delay in replying to your letter 1740 of March 24 about the conference of Arab Education Ministers in Baghdad.

2. An official of the Qatari Ministry of Education tells us that Qatar has been attending various cultural conferences organised by the Arab League for about the last four years. This ties in with a reference I have seen to a statement made by the Arab League Cultural Committee in 1961 in which the committee recorded its congratulations to those responsible for education in Qatar; there was therefore contact then and presumably for some time previously. On the other hand, Qatar was not represented at the previous conference of Arab Ministers of Education held in 1957.

3. Qatar's representatives at the latest Baghdad conference were Kamal Nagy, the Egyptian Acting Director of Education, and Dr. Izz-ad-din Ibrahim, a senior official, Egyptian, member of the Muslim Brotherhood, who has spent several years studying in London and is generally sympathetic to us.

4. The Education people here have also been quite active in UNESCO affairs since Qatar became an associate member. Delegations have attended at least five conferences on various topics in the last two years.

5. I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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